

## The State of New Hampshire State Board for the Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers

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## FEBRUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER

The Board is pleased to announce that we have improved our current website. You can now download renewal forms, apprentice information, complaint forms and find updates on seminar classes and much more. Please take a few moments to browse the new website.. http://webster.state.nh.us/plumbing/

The International Plumbing Code 2000 officially became effective on Thursday, October 24, 2002. The State Code Review Committee has met and is in the process of drafting Administrative Rules. Once these rules are in place, the Committee will begin a review of our proposed amendments. We do have some amendments in place on an interim basis that allows the code to be enforced in this State.

All plumbers attending a seminar after November 1, 2002 must have a copy of the 2000 International Plumbing Code. The interim code amendments will be available at all seminars.

The Board approved the formation of a dispute resolution committee to further the Board's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and interest of the consumers of plumbing services in New Hampshire and to give both the professional plumbers licensed in the State of New Hampshire and the consumers an efficient way to resolve disputes which do not appear to rise to the level of a violation of the Plumbing Code. The consumer complaints targeted will include disputes and questions concerning fees, timeliness of work and quality of work completed. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact this office.

Exam questions will be based on the new code as of the March 2003 exam. Apprentice classes will be using the new code as of September 2002. MASTER PLUMBERS: Please make sure ALL your apprentices have an **APPRENTICE AGREEMENT**. This is separate from the yellow ID card issued by the Plumbing Board. When the apprentice renews his card, we are now requiring that they send a copy of their "Apprentice Agreement". Contact Dick Grandmaison or Jack Jarvis at 225-1444 if you have any questions.

Masters, please make sure all your employees are licensed and that they carry their I.D. card with them. You may be liable if your employee is on the job without the proper identification card.

All corporations, partnerships and LLC's require a corporate license as per RSA 329-A:10. Please feel free to contact the Plumbers' Licensing Board for more information.

In 2003, 65 complaints were registered with the Board and investigated. Since August of 2003, 8 unlicensed plumbers were charged in district court and found guilty.

Any person whose license has been expired for more than 60 days is **NOT LICENSED**. He or she shall be required to re-apply for the appropriate examination, and pass it with a minimum grade of 70% to become licensed again. This is according to RSA 329-A:7.

**REMINDER!** All new or repaired potable water systems shall be disinfected or chlorinated prior to being put into use. (refer to section 610 of the IPC 2000). This may be a requirement of the local inspector at the time of final inspection or prior to a certificate of occupancy being issued.

## **SEMINARS**

All Master and Journeyman Plumbers shall attend one plumbing code seminar **before** they renew their license each year. The board has approved the following to conduct seminars.

## TO REGISTER YOU MUST CALL ONE OF THE SCHOOLS BELOW Cert. # 101-04 Plumbing Education Services, Tedd Evans, 669-6868 10 Nashua Feb Mar 16 Nashua Apr 6 Nashua 17 Concord 27 Portsmouth Portsmouth 17 20 Concord 102-04 Local Union 131, 669-7307 9 Hooksett 103-04 Keene Community Education, 357-0088 10 Keene Feb Mar 8 Keene Apr 13 Keene (Joe Provencher) (Nancy Allen) (Joe Provencher) 104-04 Roy Pender, Phone & Fax 942-5071 107-04 NH Community Technical College at Claremont, 542-7744 x2207. Nancy Allen, Instructor 18 Claremont Mar 24 Claremont 28 Claremont Apr 108-04 Professional Plumbing Seminars, day #626-7371, out of area #1-800-807-9827, after 5 p.m. Jack Vaillancourt 624-1190 and Richard Zannini 929-7459. Feb 3 Manchester Mar 2 Manchester Apr 6 Manchester 17 Manchester Portsmouth 20 Manchester 26 Salem Marlborough, MA Manchester 16 111-04 NHPMC, 483-8200. Mar 6 Nashua 112-04 Philip J. Cocchiaro, Jr, office 641-7358, home 497-2624. 113-04 Michael Capsalis, 744-5959. 9 Bridgewater Feb 114-04 Scott Allen, 752-1553. 2 Rochester Feb Apr 5 Berlin 115-04 Thomas J. Roberts, home 485-8811, office 271-5274. **Matthew Cronin** Conway Feb 9 29 Concord 12 Laconia Mar Apr 23 Concord Concord 116-04 Andy O'Hara, 744-3797 117-04 Leonard Wolf, 382-2210 Feb 2 Plaistow Mar 2 Plaistow Apr 5 Plaistow 118-04 Pete Stone 978-688-0438 Jim Quinlan Feb 11 Andover MA 9 Andover MA Mar 119-04 Dan Trombly 802-748-1953

This agency is not responsible for any changes in dates, times or locations of seminars. \*Additional seminar programs will be listed when they are approved

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